

May 22, 2008

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 725 – *Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Contracts with Pharmacies and Pharmacists*.

This bill requires a pharmacy benefits manager to disclose specified information to a pharmacy or pharmacist at the time of entering into a contract with the pharmacy or pharmacist and also at a specified time before a contract change. This bill also requires a pharmacy benefits manager to establish a specified appeals process.

House Bill 257, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 725.

Sincerely,

Governor

Senate Bill 725

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Contracts with Pharmacies and Pharmacists

FOR the purpose of requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to ~~enter into certain contracts with pharmacy providers under certain circumstances; specifying certain requirements of the contracts~~ disclose certain information to a pharmacy or a pharmacist at the time of entering into a contract with the pharmacy or pharmacist and at a certain time before a contract change; specifying provisions that apply to audits carried out by pharmacy benefits managers of pharmacies or pharmacy claims, pharmacists, and claims of pharmacies and pharmacists; making certain provisions of law applicable to pharmacy benefits managers; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to establish a certain appeals process;